

Application No.: 09/821,188  
Amendment dated August 8, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of June 6, 2005

### **REMARKS**

The Official Action rejects Claims 1-3 and 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,584,321 to William P. Coan, et al. The Official Action also rejects Claims 4 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Coan '321 patent in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0012217. Although the Official Action objected to Claims 9 and 10 as being dependent upon a rejected independent claim, the Official Action did confirm that dependent Claims 9 and 10 define allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

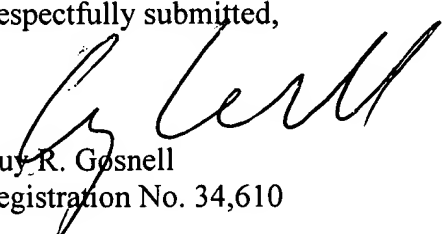
Independent Claims 1 and 5 have therefore been amended to include the recitations of Claims 9 and 10, respectively; thereby effectively rewriting the allowable dependent claims in independent form. The amendment of Claims 1 and 5 should not be taken as acquiescence to the rejection of the remainder of the claims and Applicant expressly reserves the right to file continuation application(s) to further prosecute the remainder of the claims. Additionally, although the Official Action has been made final, the incorporation of the recitations of dependent Claims 9 and 10 into independent Claims 1 and 5, respectively, does not raise new issues and should be substantively considered at this juncture.

In view of the amended claims and the remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the present claims of the present application are in condition for immediate allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

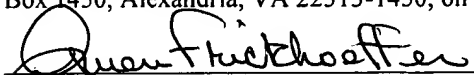


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